

PROPOSAL EVALUATION
IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 1, FY 2010-2011

Applicant	Santa Barbara County Water Agency	County	Santa Barbara
Project Title	Santa Barbara County IRWM Plan 2012	Grant Request	\$555,737
		Total Project Cost	\$771,629

Project Description The Santa Barbara IRWM Regional Water Management Group would use the grant funds to update the existing 2007 IRWMP to be compliant with the new IRWMP Plan Standards, and anticipate adopting the new plan in 2012. The proposal also includes two focused planning studies: 1) Groundwater Basin Assessment in Support of Salt and Nutrient Management Planning and 2) South Coast Subregion Recycled Water Development Plan.

Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	9
DAC Involvement	8
Schedule	10
Budget	6
Program Preferences	9
Geographic Balance	0
<i>Total Score</i>	<i>42</i>

- **Work Plan** The tasks are not completely specific and consistently described. The Exhibit tables at the end of the work plan summarize the additional information required to make the plan meet the current Plan Standards. Although the exhibit tables laid out what needed to be updated in the IRWMP, the work plan did not provide clear deliverables and tasks. Without deliverables it's difficult to consistently measure progress once work is started on updating the plan.
- **DAC Involvement** The work plan includes DAC specific tasks. However, there are no specifics on how they are going to prepare the Stakeholder Outreach Plan.
- **Schedule** The schedule is reasonable, and consistent with the work plan and budget. The schedule is detailed. Quarterly report due dates are identified. Tasks that have to be finished before other tasks can be started are shown with connecting arrows.
- **Budget** The budget did not have detailed cost information for most of the plan tasks, and supporting documentation was inadequate. A summary budget was provided. However, there were no detailed budgets or documentation of costs for most of the subtasks. In addition, the budget proposed for data management tasks does not seem adequate or reasonable.
- **Program Preference** Nine program preferences (include regional projects and program, effectively integrate water management programs /plans within a region, address critical water supply / quality needs of disadvantaged communities within a region, effectively integrate water management with land use planning, use and re-use water more efficiently, climate change response actions, expand environmental stewardship, contribute to attainment of one or more of the CALFED bay-delta objectives, and practice integrated flood management) were adequately addressed.
- **Geographic Balance** Not Applicable